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Application No.: 09/839,427

Filed: April 20, 2001

BIPOLAR ELECTROSURGICAL CLAMP FOR REMOVING AND MODIFYING TISSUE

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Art Unit: 3732

PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed June 19, 2001. Applicant hereby petitions for revival of this application. Applicant responded to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers on August 10, 2001 (copy enclosed). However, Applicant did not include a Preliminary Amendment deleting reference to Figs. 13A and 13B. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0359. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 06/19/2001.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNAVOIDABLE DELAY must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the aboveidentified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(I); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNINTENTIONAL DELAY must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the aboveidentified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282.

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